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BARON WALDENAR VON OPPENHEIM VISITS STOCKHOLM, DISCUSSES PEACE PROPOSALS
WITH WALLENBERG: DETAILS FROM "PER" AND OTHERS (1942)

From: STOCKHOLM

To: MOSCOW

No.: 582 ✓

13 April 1942

To [Name No. 44i]

The banker Baron Waldemar von OPPENHEIM[ii] arrived in STOCKHOLM on 8 April. "PER"[iii] points out that he had with him about 20 kilograms of diplomatic mail for two addresses: the German Legation in STOCKHOLM and secondly the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, direct. The correspondent of the English "Daily Telegraph", reported that he had two meetings with the Swedish banker WALLENBERG[iv], whom he asked to get into touch with English financiers on the question of concluding an Anglo-German peace based on a return to the position up to 1939 and on the question of launching a joint attack on the USSR with the aim of destroying it totally. WALLENBERG, according to our information, declined this proposal and recommended applying directly to the British Legation. It is characteristic that other British and American correspondents who know about this do not want to say anything, but in conversation among themselves point out that this information should go straight to the Prime Minister and secondly that Swedish censorship did not permit them to write anything about his arrival in STOCKHOLM. OPPENHEIM on 12 April flew by special plane to BERLIN.

Please send the money as I have already got into debt.

No. 50[v] ✓

[Name No. 64][vi]

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Footnote: [i] Name No. 42:

Possibly Captain 1st Rank
Mikhail Aleksandrovich VORONTSOV.✓ [ii] Baron Woldemar von OPPENHEIM: ~~Not traced.~~ (see attached letter.)

✓ [iii] PER:

Probably Erik Kristoffer
BJERTNÅS, a Norwegian journalist.
(see attached letter.)

✓ [iv] WALLENBERG:

Probably Jacob WALLENBERG (and his brother,
Marcus WALLENBERG Jr., STOCKHOLM
bank directors, were both involved
in peace talks at different times.[v] STOCKHOLM's No. 652 of 8 April 1942 (3/NBF/T2200) also has
Internal Serial No. 50: presumably an encipherer's error.

✓ [vi] Name No. 44:

Probably Aleksandr A. PAVLOV, TASS
correspondent in STOCKHOLM.

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